



**IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE**

Application of: Qasba, et al.  
Serial No.: 09/780,653  
Filed: February 9, 2001  
For: Production of Megakaryocytes by the Use of Human  
Mesenchymal Stem Cells  
Group: 1632  
Examiner: Voitach

Commissioner for Patents  
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**AMENDMENT**

SIR:

This is an Amendment in response to the Office Action mailed July 2, 2003.

**A. INTRODUCTORY REMARKS**

Claims 1-3 and 6-8 have been withdrawn from consideration.

Claims 4 and 5 have been amended.